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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON BOMBING

FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT'S NOON BRIEFING,
MONDAY, DECEMBER 29.

QUOTE:

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE BOMB EXPLOSION THIS
MORNING IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE OF THE YUGOSLAV CONSUL IN
CHICAGO? THIS HAPPENED EARLY THIS MORNING.

A: YES, I DO HAVE A COMMENT. WE REGRET AND DEPLORE
THIS KIND OF OUTRAGEOUS AND MINDLESS ACTION. VIOLENCE
OF THIS KIND FURTHERS NO CAUSE AND IS DAMAGING TO U.S.
INTERESTS IN MAINTAINING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH
YUGOSLAVIA.

Q: DO YOU KNOW WHO DID IT?

A: THE FACTS AS I HAVE THEM ARE THAT WE DON'T KNOW WHO
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DID IT.

Q: IF YOU KNOW IT IS MINDLESS, YOU PROBABLY KNOW WHO

DID IT.

A: I THINK YOU CAN DESCRIBE AN INCIDENT AS MINDLESS
WITHOUT KNOWING WHO DID IT.

Q: MAYBE THEY HAD SOMETHING ON THEIR MINDS. OKAY, WHAT
DO YOU HAVE ON WHO DID IT?

A: WE DON'T HAVE ANY INDICATION AS TO WHO THE AUTHORS
OF THIS INCIDENT WERE, MINDLESS OR OTHERWISE.

Q: WHAT WAS THAT INCIDENT?

A: AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS DETONATED THIS MORNING AT
1:30 CHICAGO TIME OUTSIDE THE HOME OF THE YUGOSLAV
CONSUL IN CHICAGO, SAVO TEMER. HE WAS OUT OF TOWN AT
THE TIME, BUT HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN WERE IN THE
HOME. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. SOME WINDOWS WERE BLOWN
OUT, AND THERE WAS SOME STRUCTURAL DAMAGE. AND I UNDER-
STAND THE FBI AND THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ARE
INVESTIGATING. END QUOTE ROBINSON

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